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Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Official Action dated May 27, 2003. Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2003 for two months from August 27, 2003 to October 27, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee in the amount of \$420.00 to our Visa credit card. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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